

Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 5, 7-14, 19 and 25 are pending in this application. Claims 5, 11, 19 and 25 are independent. No new matter has been added.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-4 (CANCELLED):

5 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): A communication apparatus ~~capable of a communication with a single partner using a plurality of communication channels~~, comprising:

setting means for ~~independently setting up communications with the single partner using the plurality of channels in correspondence with transmission and reception~~ setting independently whether or not an outgoing call is granted and whether or not an incoming call is granted;

communication means capable of ~~a communication~~ communicating with the single a partner using the via a plurality of communication channels; and

control means for independently ~~controlling to variably change~~ the number of communication channels ~~used for the single partner in the outgoing call and the incoming call~~ separately in accordance with the ~~setups~~ setting by said setting means.

6 (CANCELLED):

7 (ORIGINAL): The apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said communication means can communicate with a plurality of communication partners, and said setting means can set the number of channels used when a communication with another communication partner is to be started while communicating using the communication channels, the number of which is

controlled by said control means.

8 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said setting means sets whether or not a communication with ~~the other~~ another communication partner is granted.

9 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): The apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said communication apparatus can connect a plurality of external communication apparatuses, and said setting means can set ~~up the communications in units of~~ whether or not a communication via the plurality of communication channels is granted in each of the plurality of external communication apparatuses.

10 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): The apparatus according to claim 9 5, wherein said communication means can communicate using a plurality of communication schemes, and said setting means can ~~also set up the communications~~ whether or not a communication via the plurality of communication channels is granted in units each of the plurality of communication schemes.

11 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): A communication apparatus ~~capable of a communication with a single partner using a plurality of communication channels~~, comprising:

communication means capable of ~~a communication with the single~~ communicating with a partner using the via a plurality of communication channels;

detection means for detecting an incoming call ~~from another communication partner and a call origination request to another communication partner while said~~ communication means communicates using or an outgoing call while said communication means communicates via the plurality of communication channels; and

setting means ~~capable of~~ for independently setting the number of communication channels ~~used in~~ granted for the communication with the ~~other communication~~ partner in ~~correspondence with~~ a case wherein said detection means detects the incoming call, and a case wherein said detection means detects the outgoing call, respectively ~~origination request~~.

12 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): The apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said setting means sets whether or not the incoming call is accepted when said detection means detects the incoming call, and whether or not the ~~call origination request~~ outgoing call is accepted when said detection means detects the outgoing call ~~origination request~~.

13 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): The apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said communication apparatus can connect a plurality of external communication apparatuses, and said setting means can set ~~up the communications in units~~ whether or not a communication via the plurality of communication channels is granted in each of the plurality of external communication apparatuses.

14 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): The apparatus according to claim ~~13~~ 11, wherein said communication means can communicate using a plurality of communication schemes, and said setting means can also set ~~up the communications in units~~ whether or not a communication via the plurality of communication channels is granted in each of the plurality of communication schemes.

15-18 (CANCELLED):

19 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): A method of controlling a communication apparatus ~~capable of a communication with a single partner using a plurality of communication channels,~~ comprising:

~~the a~~ setting step of setting independently ~~setting up communications with the single partner using the plurality of channels in correspondence with transmission and reception whether or not an outgoing call is granted and whether or not an incoming call is granted;~~

~~the a~~ communication step of ~~allowing a communication~~ communicating with ~~the single a~~ partner ~~using via~~ the plurality of communication channels; and

~~the a~~ control step of independently controlling ~~to variably change~~ the number of communication channels ~~used for the single partner in the outgoing call and the incoming call separately~~ in accordance with the ~~setups~~ setting in the setting step.

20-24 (CANCELLED):

25 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): A method of controlling a communication apparatus ~~capable of a communication with a single partner using a plurality of communication channels,~~ comprising:

~~the a~~ communication step of ~~allowing a communication~~ communicating with ~~the single a~~ partner ~~using the via a~~ plurality of communication channels;

~~the a~~ detection step of detecting an incoming call ~~from another communication partner and a call origination request to another communication partner~~ or an outgoing call while the communication ~~using via~~ the plurality of communication channels is made in the communication step; and

~~the~~ a setting step of ~~allowing to independently set~~ setting the number of communication channels ~~used in~~ granted for the communication with the ~~other communication~~ partner in ~~correspondence with~~ a case wherein the incoming call is detected in the detection step, and a case wherein the outgoing call ~~origination request~~ is detected in the detection step, respectively.

26-31 (CANCELLED):